



## Student/Resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) Program Summary

<b>SEARCH Program</b>	Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers
<b>Organization Type</b>	Primary Care Association
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<b>Project Service Focus</b>	Urban/Central City, Rural
<b>Length of Rotation</b>	4 -6 weeks
<b>Disciplines eligible for rotation</b>	Allopathic and Osteopathic Physicians in Family Medicine, General Internal Medicine, General Pediatrics, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Psychiatry; Dentists and Dental Hygienists; Clinical Psychologists; Clinical Social Workers; Psychiatric Nurse Specialists; and Marriage and Family Therapists; Family/Primary Care Nurse Practitioners; Primary Care Physician Assistants; and Certified Nurse-Midwives
<b>Project Infrastructure Focus</b>	Training
<b>Stipend/Living Cost</b>	<p>SEARCH participants will receive a \$1,350 stipend for participating in the SEARCH program. Participants will only receive stipends for extra rotations. Specifically, if rotations are for academic credit, they will not receive a stipend.</p> <p>SEARCH students/residents participating in the rural Massachusetts programs will be eligible to receive a housing allowance up to \$1,500 to support their housing needs during the SEARCH experience.</p>
<b>General Description of Your Program</b>	<p><b>Greater Boston Urban experience:</b></p> <p>This rotation is designed so that students/residents can begin and end as needed according to their academic schedule. This may mean some students have a 4 or a 6 week rotation, and may start at the beginning or mid-month. It is expected that groups of students will participate simultaneously, representing different disciplines. No more than 10 students will participate at any time. We estimate approximately 20-26 students annually.</p>

	<p>For students in their pre-clinical years: each week will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 days clinical learning experience at a community health center</li> <li>• 2 days hands-on community health project</li> <li>• 1 “Academic Day” for classroom learning.</li> </ul> <p>For students and residents in their clinical years, the clinical opportunity will be increased to 4 days, with community health experienced through hands-on patient care, service learning and the preceptorships.</p> <p><b>Western MA – A Rural Health Experience-</b>The program is planned as a six week summer-only experience. A weekly schedule for 3-6 students/residents will support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 days of clinical learning at a federally qualified community health center (Community Health Program/Great Barrington, Hilltown Community Health Centers in Worthington and Huntington, Community Health Center of Franklin County in Turners Fall and Orange and Greater Gardner Community Health Center),</li> <li>• 1 and ½ days for a hands-on community health project,</li> <li>• ½ day of skills building (team work, cultural competency, health literacy/clear language communication),</li> <li>• ½ day of learning about other health care providers in rural communities (critical access hospitals/shadow in OR, ER, home health, public hospital, EMS) and one day to be determined based on interest such as migrant health, oral health, or substance abuse and</li> <li>• ½ day of small town life (visit a farm, white water rafting, Tanglewood or other summer concert, hike on the Appalachian Mountain Trail).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Activities undertaken by Students/Residents in Program</b></p>	<p><b>Clinical Learning Experience:</b> Each student will spend two days each week at their community health center (residents, 4 days).</p> <p><b>Community Service Learning Project:</b> The clinical learning experience will link with a community service learning project. This will be individualized to reflect the needs and interests of the student, the community health center, and the patients served. Each project will be developed with goals and objectives, activities and expected deliverables.</p>

	<p><b>Academic Day:</b>  Each week, one day will offer a “classroom” learning experience – though this classroom might be a community health center or state agency office. The Academic Day offered on a rotating monthly schedule will include a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• weekly seminar</li> <li>• clinical case conference</li> <li>• reflection exercise</li> <li>• cultural opportunity</li> </ul>
<b>List of Sites Students can/will be rotating through</b>	TBD